



**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
ART UNIT 1656**

**PATENT**  
Attorney Docket No.: JHU1300-4

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Sidransky and Baylin      Art Unit: 1632  
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**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO THE FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 11, 2002 (Paper No. 19), which has been made final, entry of the amendment and reconsideration of the application in view thereof and of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

**CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR §1.8**

I hereby certify that the documents referred to as enclosed herein are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail on this date, **April 10, 2003**, in an envelope addressed to: Box AF, Commissioner for Patents, Washington, D.C. 20231.

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